

STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; the mitochondria are the cells in our bodies that transform food and oxygen into energy, and when they malfunction, organs can fail and folks – including kids – can get sick and even die; and

WHEREAS; mitochondrial disease is often difficult to diagnose because it affects every person differently, with symptoms potentially including everything from seizures and strokes to blindness and muscle weakness; and

WHEREAS; more recently, as scientific linkages between mitochondrial dysfunction and diseases like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and diabetes are being explored, bringing together patients, medical professionals, and resources to make progress on therapies and cures has never been more urgent; and

WHEREAS; founded in 1996, the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation is dedicated to promoting research and education for the diagnosis, treatment, and cure of mitochondrial disease, and to providing support to affected individuals and families; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation in spreading awareness of mitochondrial disease, empowering those affected and those providing treatments, and working towards quicker diagnoses, improved treatments, and ultimately a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 20 – 26, 2020, as

MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in
the City of Madison this 20th day of
August 2020.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By _____ Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State